



General Meeting
Friday June 15, 2012
7:30pm

Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane Lafayette

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June 23-24, 2012



**Affiliated
 Club**

June 15 Meeting Program: Field Day 2012 and Contest Operating

The annual ARRL Field Day begins at 11am local time on Saturday June 23 and ends at 11am local time on Sunday June 24. This year, our club will be operating two stations. One will be a large operation at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek and the other will be a small operation in the lower parking lot at the summit of our namesake Mount Diablo. Come on out and join us !



K6TU



Our club is fortunate to have Stu Phillips, K6TU, from the Northern California Contest Club, present this month's program. K6TU will discuss contest operating techniques as it pertains to Field Day as well as other operating events.

Due to time pressures, Bob TeVrucht, N6TEV, has stepped down as president and Vice President Jim Siemons, AF6PU, has assumed the presidency. On behalf of our club, I would like to thank N6TEV for his service as president.

— President Jim Siemons, AF6PU

PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

It's that time of year when we begin organizing for this year's ham radio public service events. I am putting together a list for the MDARC Public Services webpage and for *The Carrier* newsletter. Here is a sneak preview, so you can begin planning what you would like to volunteer for. Some information below is not yet fully confirmed. We definitely appreciate and love to have your participation. These are great events in beautiful places, they are fun to do, invaluable to the community organizations that we assist, and great opportunities to use your cool ham radio equipment.

7/4/12: Pleasant Hill 4th of July Parade (morning), for the City of Pleasant Hill
Radio Coordinator: Pete Harris

7/22/12: Alcatraz swim.

10/7/12: Mt. Diablo Challenge bike ride up Mt. Diablo, for *Save Mt. Diablo*.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc>

MDARC WANTS *YOU* TO SERVE AS A PACIFICON VOLUNTEER !



October 12, 13, 14, 2012

For more information and to volunteer for a shift, please contact Sam Sampayan at kj6pcm@gmail.com .

We are hosting the ARRL National Convention and more Volunteers are needed to help make Pacificon a great success. October is about five months away and Pacificon will be here before we know it.

Some of the things we need help with are:

- Door monitors to check registration badges for the Forums
- Security to watch over the Exhibit Hall and Swap Meet
- Attendants for the Registration Desk to process registrations and “will call” tickets
- Talk-in staff

No special qualifications required – only the desire to make this event the best Pacificon ever. There are many 2 and 4 hour shifts to choose from, even some evening security shifts. Want to see a forum? Then schedule a shift during it and provide a great service at the same time. ***As an extra bonus, if you volunteer for a total of 8 hours, your \$23 registration fee will be refunded!***

MDARC General Meeting Minutes May 18, 2012

Presided over by **Robert TeVrucht, N6TEV**, President

Recorded by Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

The meeting took place at 7:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Carol Lane in Lafayette, Ca.

The meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance.

Pete Harris showed pictures and spoke about the bike race, AMGEN-Tour of California, the Mt/ Diablo portion. After the pictures and dissertation he detailed upcoming public service events that are needing amateur radio operator's support.

Misa Siemons delivered the Treasurer's report. She indicated that the current total of all accounts stands at \$38,368.

There was no Emergency Coordinator's report this evening.

Lauren Styles spoke on the subject of Field Day. He gave a short description and called for any interested parties, licensed or not, to gather at Heather Farm Park (follow the signs) to help with setting up for the weekend and subsequent operations. The dates are June 22nd thru 24th.

Lauren also announced that SATERN is holding a community service event on June 30th from 10am to 3pm. Contact him for further information.

Jim Siemons spoke about the status of PACIFICON, describing the location and dates as Santa Clara Marriott on October 12th, 13th & 14th. He talked about the different facets of the convention and reminded everyone that it is the ARRL national convention for 2012. He said that the October club meeting will be held there that Friday evening and the program will be a Podcasters conference, the subject of which will be "Elmering". Jim noted that there were still openings for volunteers to play their part.

The VE group announced that 12 Tech, 1 General and 5 Extra class license tests were passed this evening. Those members were introduced and applauded.

There was no Old or New business this evening.

There was a motion, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

The evening's presentations were delivered at this time. The first was John Stuart who presented a show about the ARRL frequency measuring contest and how it is done.

Secondly, Glen Rickard delivered a show about HSMM-MESH networking and its value for EMCOMM.

The evening's activities concluded at 9:05pm with a raffle for a Yaesu HT.

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

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FIRST CLASS

June 23-24, 2012

October
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W6CX Nets and Repeater Frequencies

Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

FM 147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz - EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

D-STAR 145.000 offset plus 2.5 MHz

<http://www.dstarusers.org/viewrepeater.php?system=W6CX>

Dashboard link is: <https://64.81.254.107/status.html>

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs 1241.25 MHz AM 919.25 MHz AM

ATV Internet Stream: <http://www.w6cxatv.net/live>

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets

Every Thursday

<http://www.coco-races.org/meetings/nets/>

6:35 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 146.355+ (77.0 PL)

7:20 pm Countywide 145.490-- (107.3 PL)

June 2012 and July 2012 Club Calendar

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| Friday June 15, 2012 | 7:30pm | MDARC General Meeting - <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i> |
| Saturday July 7, 2012 | 9:00 am | MDARC Technical Committee <i>Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg</i> |
| Monday July 9, 2012 | 7:00 pm | MDARC Board Meeting **NOTE NEW LOCATION** <i>Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek</i> |
| Friday July 20, 2012 | 7:30pm | MDARC General Meeting <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i> |

ARRL Field Day Weekend Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24, 2012